GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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HARVESTING OF RAIN WATER
JAGMEET SINGH BRAR

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of areas brought under Rain Water Harvesting and additional areas proposed to be covered by the end of current financial year;

(b) the achievements made so far and likely to be made during the said period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) Water, being a State subject, it is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government to plan, finance and execute schemes for augmenting water resources. The Central Government is also promoting rain water harvesting through water shed management programme, artificial recharge of ground water and roof top rain water harvesting. The Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) under the Ministry of Water Resources is implementing a pilot Central Sector Scheme on "Studies on Artificial Recharge of Ground Water" in different States in coordination with concerned State Government agencies. The Government have earmarked funds amounting to Rs. 25.00 crore for the scheme during the IX Five Year Plan. This scheme is under implementation in 24 States/Union Territories and work is in progress in 136 areas.